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46, Gordon Square,
Bloomsbury.

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Sunday.

My own Monkey.

I read two perfectly charming letters from you this morning which gladdened your Mania's heart. I am a little distressed at your giving 2 lectures - when do you set to ted? I do hope the Yorkshire air may make you sleep. 12 & 4 is better though not perfect.

I am much interested at your account of Madge & Will. One has to remember with her that her nature is not capable of being satisfied. & before the

married she had got to a
pretty low state of mind
as the result of years of
living among interesting people.
She was worse then than
I have ever known her since.
Of course Old Sym was trying
but I think Lina D. G. etc.
who are the kind she naturally
consorts with if left to
herself, made her very worried.
I expect she gets moments
of greater happiness with
the children than she could
anywhere else. But the school
routine must be horrible
& with sounds irritating. She
must come here at times

you must be a tonic to her. I shall write to her soon & set papers full of your charms in return I hope.

My doings are dull. I went to the Slade this morning. Then to lunch with Marsen I found her in the depths of depression. (Oh Lor. says Billy) She hates the life at Alexandra House to such a degree — no quiet. horrible food. etc. like a constant hotel. that I have asked her to come here from Wednesday to Saturday she will inhabit your room. which I hope you wont mind? She simply jumped at the idea of a few days peace. I had tea with her & then came back here. Ferald came. I really

see more of him than I have ever done before. He produced £21 copyright from Smith & Elder which is useful. I have also got £48 out of Harrods which almost makes up my deficit - so finances are a little better. Tomorrow Kelly dines with us. I am rather alarmed at the prospect & am trying to stir up Thurn to get someone to meet him. Stevie comes tomorrow evening. I'll tell you if the meeting's on! On Wednesday we dine at 45 Mount St alone with the couple there. Adrian has gone back to Cambridge. Tell me everything about yourself, how you feel, does Katharine really mean to have a frame-shop in London? It sounds terribly fine. Give Madge my love - & some drawing.

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Tuesday.

Beloved William.

Your letter this morning rather distressed me. because you talk of returning on Saturday. I went round by Savage today & by luck saw him for a minute. and I wanted him to know how you are getting on. He said he would much rather you stayed away as much as you can now so as to be all the more certain of being able to stand London later. You see if you come

back on Saturday you would only have been away for a week. Do try to stay till the 1st as we thought you would. Madge must expect you to as I originally said a fortnight. This is all only if you don't feel that the place is doing you harm. You must be honest about that. Why do you only get to sleep at 12? When do you go to bed & do you have hot chocolate? Your sleep does sound a little better. but it can't get right so suddenly & you must give yourself a chance. But you don't

seem to so not very much -
Why not so alone if Madge
can't go with you? Sarsefe said
you could. Also Thursday I
had thought of going to the
Boths for Saturday to Monday
& I shouldn't want to go if
you had just come back.
& Gerald wants me to go
with him to dine with the
Arthur Ll. Davies. on Monday
They now live at Berkhampstead
so we should go by train at
about 5. I know all this
will make you furious. but
do think about it.
I don't think I agree with
the idea of Madge's being
wasted as much as you
do. as I don't see why
she shouldn't make an in-
teresting life for herself

even in Yorkshire wilds. I wish you didnt come in for so many people. They are a bore but not half so bad as at Clifton. & most people have a good deal of that sort if they to put up with if they are attractive as madge is. I cant imagine any life that suited her.

I had Elena[NYPL] to tea. She came in on the top of Helen Hilliard & Margaret Nevbolt which was tiresome. She was very nice but not so intimate as when you were here (of course). Kitty came in also later. Elena asked a great deal after you I told her you had to talk to 3 schoolboys - & she said she could imagine nothing more interesting & delightful for the schoolboys. How they must enjoy it - & wasnt I very lonely? So I said I was but I had to persuade you to stop

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away against the indications. We had no very interesting talk. Now we have just had Kelly to dinner. He was quite nice & talked & I hope enjoyed himself. But the poor wretch had to come all the way from Camber. Well & it has been snowing here too. My hosts weren't rough-practical tease! Kelly asked you & me to lunch with him & his family on Dec. 27th. I said I wasn't quite sure about you. But that I would go. He has been ill for some time apparently but is soon going to settle in London. I like him on the whole. I feel that you will

rather swear at my letter
poor little beast. but is from
no want of sympathy that I
write it. at the same time.
Savage did say that going so
far for so short a time was
practically of no use at all.
I only saw him for a minute
Couldnt you sit in your room
& let Madge come & see you
there? Then with couldnt
interrupt. & really while you
are staying with them he
ought to expect Madge's
time to be a little given up
to you. I am altogether rather
worried about you my dear
How do you really feel? I
you sound to me rather dis-
traught. Your Maria.

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L: Gyllenwick

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Thursday.

Beloved William -

I had no time to write to you yesterday - but I have written every day before so the vagaries of the Gordon Square post must have been to blame. Yesterday I was visitors as I always seem to be in your absence - I went after luncheon to Jacky's house where I hope I have unearthed the Dickensiana Kodak taken there by Adrian - then I went to tea with Lady Elizabeth. I also called in at 22 to look

for you green book but could not find it. Lady S. was quite nice - but terribly red nosed. I foresee we shall soon get to Christian names. She is going to bring the children here one day. They are quite nice brats & she is just like a child herself. I then went in to Aunt Minna. She is delighted that we should go & the stage but wanted prefer no not to go till the 21st to which I agreed. She looked very toothless & aged but seemed pretty cheerful - then I went & fetched Margery & brought her back here.

Jack was here when we
arrived. & we were dining with
George & M. So I had no
time to write before I went.
I am writing now in a
hurry before going to the
Slade. & I will write again
tonight. Lor. G. & M. are
too comic. The house is
grand & ugly. Margaret
looked old. But was quite
nice. I have discovered
that the only subject in which
she is interested is health.
After dinner she told me that
she was expecting a baby.
Then she enlarged on the
subject & on female ailments
generally to my surprise.
for I thought she was shy.
But I'm sure that's
her subject. The funniest

moment was at dinner
when J. suddenly said in
describing Aunt Emma's deafness
& general cumbersomeness in
Society. "Did you hear what
she said to Austen?" We said
no but I feared what
was coming. "She turned to
him in the midst of a
crowd & said did you
know that Russell suit? I
always think it such a
very good thing that Sense
get out of that." This in
front of me, Thirty & Mr.
who got quite red. ( )
did pity her. We all had
to laugh. Mr Sense is a
mystery! It is very sad to see
him in his own house with
full scope for all his theories
on food etc. All night tonight
Take care of yourself my dearest Deep
Sensation.

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Thursday.

My Lunkey.

I was afraid you would be cross with me for visiting as I did. But I thought I had better in spite of that. It really wouldn't have been much use your coming on Saturday as we are going to the Bookers then. (Anyhow don't come by such an early train. It means such a horribly early start & you may just as well arrive for tea as for luncheon. Monday is better than Saturday

I am writing to Ka & I'm afraid I gave out much. I hear I shall see a lot of Maynard on Monday. Do take care of yourself.

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have not much
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see you anyway
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I suppose that Monday
it must be. I quite see
the sense of your arguments
I have just come back
from dining with Violet.
Thirty was going on to a
dance at the Lawrences.
Violet had a chill & couldn't
go to the Nightingales. So
I didn't want to go alone
& came back here. Ozzy
& an old Miss Horner were
there. Violet says Mrs Lyttelton
has just sent you a book
by Howells. I suppose it
may be good. Violet seemed
to think that Mrs L. had

taken a bit of trouble about getting you — a good one.
I have been doing nothing at all interesting. Snow is here. But she does not excite you wildly. Otherwise I have only one white blade. The roads are sheeted with ice & snow & the square looks rather beautiful with snow on the branches. It is icy cold here too. & you must be simply perished, poor shivering monkey from the tropics. Really I might send you to the South of France next! I do wish your sleep would improve. Perhaps your native heath may be best in the end.

about you bed - I will have it moved if you like. but dont you think if you are only in London a few days it had better wait till you settle down here for good? you see if the noise should keep you awake you wouldnt have time to get used to it in a few days. if so all your time here would be bad in that way - but I will have it moved if you really want it - you wont have time to answer to me - as I shall be at the Bostons. but tell you write to Polly if you do want it moved she can have it done on Monday morning. I wish I could read Madge's novel - it sounds like Miss Yonge. what advice did you give? your manner

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Lyon Phelps
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L. Gillespie

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glad you do think Madge so
happy. I believe she is
really if one allows for
necessary wrinkles & will has
quite a bit of brains- rather
a surprising bit I always
think considering all things.
This morning I went to the
Slade - & this afternoon Margy
& I did some shoppings - &
Dodo Macnaghten & Imogen
came to tea. also Aunt
Minna. The poor old lady
does seem to be getting rather
ancient - & told me that she
was afraid she was getting
blind. I told her that you

had taken to spectacles which she has not yet done - but she said that she thought her look out for the future was sad - at the age of 48! The curtains in our room are up & the sofa cover in. I cant send a pattern of the chintz as there are no bits over - but I am sending a pattern of the drawing-room chintz. Do make Madge get some at Hindley & Wilkins. They have all the old patterns & very good colours. We have just put up curtains in the study & dining room which greatly improves them.

The dining room carpet is down too.

My son monkey - how glad I shall be to see you - I dont see that you need go to Cambridge again so very quickly. I only wanted you to stay at Biggleswick as long as we originally settled (not to cut your visit short.) I didnt mean you to lengthen it out. I'm afraid your sleep isnt up to much yet I wish you had mine!

You may not hear from me again as we go [illegible] Boating tomorrow & so I may be able to write then or from Gracedieu - but till Monday we can wait. Type writer has gone. I didnt see the people who took it. Yr B.

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